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### Amendments to the Claims

This listing will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application.

### Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) A composition for topical application to the skin comprising:

a pearlescent component having a bismuth oxychloride-containing pearlescent ingredient that wherein said pearlescent component is matched to a natural skin tone benchmark shade;

a pigment component that is separately shade-matched to said benchmark shade; and

a cosmetic carrier;

wherein said pearlescent component and said pigment component form a blend present in an amount of about 0.01 wt% to about 50 wt% based on the total weight of the composition.

2-4. (canceled)

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5. (currently amended) The composition of ~~claim 3~~ claim 1, wherein said blend is present in an amount about 0.05 wt% to about 25 wt% based on the total weight of the composition.

6. (currently amended) The composition of ~~claim 3~~ claim 1, wherein said blend is present in an amount about 1 wt% to about 25 wt% based on the total weight of the composition.

7. (currently amended) The composition of ~~claim 3~~ claim 1, wherein said blend is present in an amount effective to provide at least one benefit selected from the group consisting of an illusion of sheerness, even coverage, natural glow, healthy glow, transparent appearance, translucent appearance, luminous appearance, and any combinations thereof.

8. (original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the composition is in a form selected from the group consisting of an emulsion, a powder, a cream-to-powder cosmetic, a gel, a pomade, a solution, stick, suspension, a wet/dry foundation, and any combinations thereof.

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9. (original) The composition of claim 8, wherein the composition is said emulsion.

10. (original) The composition of claim 9, wherein the composition is in the form of a water in silicone emulsion.

11. (original) The composition of claim 10, wherein said water in silicone emulsion comprises a silicone phase having isododecane.

12. (original) The composition of claim 11, wherein said isododecane is present in an amount about 25 wt% to about 75 wt% based on the total weight of the silicone phase.

13. (original) The composition of claim 9, wherein said emulsion is a foundation composition.

14. (currently amended) A method for preparing a cosmetic composition for topical application to the skin comprising:

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shade-matching a pearlescent component having a bismuth oxychloride-containing pearlescent ingredient to a natural skin tone benchmark shade to form a shade-matched pearlescent component-;

shade-matching a pigment component to the benchmark shade to form a shade-matched pigment component;

blending said shade-matched pearlescent component and said shade-matched pigment component to form a shade-matched blend;  
and

adding said shade-matched blend to a cosmetic carrier to form a cosmetic composition;

wherein said shade-matched blend is present in an amount of about 0.01 wt% to about 50 wt% based on the total weight of the composition.

15-20. (canceled)

-- 21. (new) The method of claim 14, wherein said blend is present in an amount about 0.05 wt% to about 25 wt% based on the total weight of the composition.

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22. (new) The method of claim 14, wherein said blend is present in an amount about 1 wt% to about 25 wt% based on the total weight of the composition.

23. (new) The method of claim 14, wherein said blend is present in an amount effective to provide at least one benefit selected from the group consisting of an illusion of sheerness, even coverage, natural glow, healthy glow, transparent appearance, translucent appearance, luminous appearance, and any combinations thereof.

24. (new) The method of claim 14, wherein the composition is in a form selected from the group consisting of an emulsion, a powder, a cream-to-powder cosmetic, a gel, a pomade, a solution, stick, suspension, a wet/dry foundation, and any combinations thereof.

25. (new) The method of claim 24, wherein the composition is said emulsion.

26. (new) The method of claim 25, wherein the composition is

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in the form of a water in silicone emulsion.

27. (new) The method of claim 26, wherein said water in silicone emulsion comprises a silicone phase having isododecane.

28. (new) The method of claim 27, wherein said isododecane is present in an amount about 25 wt% to about 75 wt% based on the total weight of the silicone phase.

29. (new) The method of claim 25, wherein said emulsion is a foundation composition.

30. (new) The method of claim 14, further comprising a colored pigment which is bonded to said bismuth oxychloride in said pearlescent component.

31. (new) The composition of claim 1, further comprising a colored pigment which is bonded to said bismuth oxychloride in said pearlescent component. --